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SUBJECT: NCNA ATTACK ON SOVIET LEADERS: A DOUBLE-EDGED SWORD

SUMMARY: AGAINST THE BACKDROP OF THE 25TH CPSU MEETING IN MOSCOW, A FEBRUARY 26 NCNA ARTICLE WHICH LASHES OUT AT THE DEGENERATION OF THE SOVIET REGIME ALSO APPEARS TO LEVEL ATTACKS AGAINST CHINA'S DOMESTIC LEADERS WHO HAVE BEEN BRANDED WITH THE "REVISIONIST" LABEL. ON THE ONE HAND, THE ARTICLE HARSHLY ATTACKS THE SOVIET PARTY LEADERW' REVISIONIST LINE, WHICH IS CLAIMED TO HAVE CAUSED THE SOVIET PARTY'S DEGENERATION INTO A FASCIST PARTY. HOWEVER, THE ARTICLE'S ATTACKS ON THE SOVIET'S DOMESTIC POLICIES ECHO MANY OF THE CHARGES NOW BEING HURLED AGAINST UNNAMED PARTY OFFICIALS IN CHINA. THE ARTICLE SEEMS TO CONTAIN AN OMINOUS MESSAGE FOR THOSE WHO ARE PURSUING "SOVIET-TYPE POLICIES" IN CHINA.

1. WITH THE 25TH CPSU UNDERWAY IN MOSCOW, A FEBRUARY 26

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NCNA CORRESPONDENT'S COMMENTARY ENTITLED "A FASCIST PARTY

UNDER SIGNBOARD OF "PARTY OF THE ENTIRE PEOPLE", " CITED MAO'S STATEMENT THAT " THE RISE OF REVISIONISM MEANS THE RISE OF POWER OF THE BOURGEOISIE" AS IT ATTACKS THE KHRUSHCHEV/ BREZHNEV RENEGADE CLIQUE FOR REPRESENTING THE INTERESTS OF THE NEW AND OLD BOURGEOISIE. IT MAINTAINS THAT THE CLIQUE IS " A HANDFUL OF REVISIONIST, CAPITALIST ROADERS HIDDEN IN THE PARTY FOR A LONG TIME" AND SEEKING TO RESTORE CAPITALISM.

2. THIS HARSHLY WORDED ATTACK ON THE CURRENT SOVIET PARTY LEADERSHIP AND ITS POLICIES SEEMS A DOUBLE-EDGE SWORD SINCE IT ALSO COMES AT A TIME WHEN SOME OF THE PRC'S OWN PARTY OFFICIALS ARE UNDER ATTACK FOR CHARGES SIMILAR TO THOSE HURLED AGAINST THE SOVIET REVISIONISTS. FOR EXAMPLE, THE ARTICLE CRITICIZED THE SOVIET RULING CLIQUE FOR OVER-EMPHASIZING PRODUCTION, SEEKING TO BRING ABOUT A RESORTATION OF CAPITALISM, AND GIVING UP THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT.

3. ADDITIONALLY, POSTERS IN CHINA IMPLICITLY HAVE BRANDED TENG HSIAO-PING AS CHINA'S KHRUSHCHEV, AND SEEMINGLY HAVE ACCUSED HIM OF THE VERY CRIMES THAT ARE LAID OUT AGAINST KHRUSHCHEV IN THE ARTICLE. THE ARTICLE ATTACKS KHRUSHCHEV-- AND PRESUMABLY ALSO TENG AND HIS SUPPORTERS--FOR HAVING STIRRED UP AN "EVIL WIND OF REVERSING CORRECT DECISIONS ALREADY MADE," OPENLY REHABILITATING OLD-LINE REVISIONISTS, COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BOURGEOISIE AND RESTORING THEIR PARTY MEMBERSHIP, AS WELL AS UPGRADING HIS OWN MEN TO LEADING POSTS.

4. THE COMMENTARY, HOWEVER, GOES ON TO ATTACK THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP FOR SUCH ACTIONS AS USING POLITICAL PRISONS, "LUNATIC ASYLUMS" AND THE CHANGING OF MEMBERSHIP CARDS TO STIFLE POLITICAL DISSENT AND MAINTAIN THEIR RULE-- ACTIONS WHICH BEAR NO KNOWN RESEMBLANCE TO DEVELOPMENTS IN CHINA. HOWEVER, CRITICISMS OF POLICE AND THEIR METHODS COULD IMPLY SOME TILT AGAINST ACTING PREMIER/PUBLIC SECURITY CHIEF HUA. THE ARTICLE ALSO ROUNDLY DENOUNCES MOSCOW'S EXTERNAL POLICIES IN FAMILIAR TERMS.

5. THE ARTICLE CONCLUDES WITH CITATION OF CHAIRMAN MAO'S
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ASSERTION THAT THE "MASSES OF THE SOVIET PEOPLE AND PARTY MEMBERS AND CADRES ARE GOOD, THAT THEY DESIRE REVOLUTION AND THAT REVISIONIST RULE WILL NOT LAST LONG". THE PREDICTION THAT THOSE WHO ENGAGE IN REVISIONISM WILL BE OVERTHROWN AND CANNOT BE SAVED FROM THEIR INEVITABLE DOOM UNDOUBTEDLY WILL FALL ON DEAF EARS IN MOSCOW, BUT IN CHINA IT MAY CAUSE SOME TO FEEL INCREASINGLY UNEASY. IT SHOULD ALSO BE REMEMBERED THAT ESTABLISHING A LINK BETWEEN CHINA'S

REVISIONISTS AND SOVIET POLICIES HAS BEEN THE ULTIMATE
STEP AGAINST ALL OF CHINA'S MODERN "TRAITORS" AND THAT
THE CURRENT ARTICLE COULD BE AN INITIAL ATTEMPT TO DRAW
THE CONNECTION.
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